



The Staples Scoop



Wed., Dec. 15th, 2010



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

- Fri., Dec. 17 School Spirit Day: "Wear a Scarf to School"; School Store Open
- Fri., Dec. 17 Principal's Coffee; 9:15 am; Cafetorium
- Fri., Dec. 17 "Festival Winds" Community Concert; 7 pm; Cafetorium; \$5
- Fri, Dec. 24 NO SCHOOL – Holiday Recess Begins
- Mon., Jan. 3 School in Session
- Fri., Jan. 7 EARLY DISMISSAL; Staff Development; 1 pm
- Thurs., Jan. 13 PTA Family Fun Night at Discovery Museum; 5:30 – 8:30 pm
- Fri., Jan. 14 NO SCHOOL – Staff Development
- Mon., Jan. 17 NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day

Nurse Notes



Once again, we are beginning to see a few cases of **head lice** in some of our students. In order for us to be able to monitor additional cases, please remember to check your children periodically, and to report any signs of head lice to the school nurse. For more information, please go to ASK THE NURSE on the SSES website, and choose the RESOURCES tab. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Nurse's Office for help.

Pre-School Applications Available

The Samuel Staples pre-school is accepting applications from Easton residents for its 3s and 4s programs for the 2011-2012 school year. Both programs are from 9 am to 2 pm, five days a week, following the Easton school calendar. Please contact Stacey Barnard (sbarnard@eastonps.org) for more information.

THE PTA SCOOP



The PTA Needs a Few Volunteers.....

It is already time to plan our spring social and form a nominating committee for next year's board. We need: 2-3 committee chairs to plan the spring social and 3-5 committee members to be on the nominating committee - this means you help find people willing to run for the open board positions for the 2011-2012 board-you would not be on the board just help finding the people. Find a friend and join a committee together!!!!

If you are interested in either please contact Sharon Stemme at sharonstemme@earthlink.net or 203-371-4491. Thanks for considering it, we would appreciate any help you could give!!

Holiday Shopping at the SSES School Store

The school store will be open on Friday, Dec. 17th from 11:30 am to 2 pm and is stocked with great gift items available for teachers, children, grandma, grandpa, moms and dads! The cuddly stuffed SSES dolphin mascot (\$6) and SSES Spirit Wear make great gifts! If you would like to volunteer at the school store anytime during the school year (it's usually only open one time per month), please contact Claire-Anne at meskers@optonline.net. If you are interested in an item at the school store, but cannot visit during the store hours, contact Claire-Anne at 203-374-5566.

Save the Date -- Family Fun Night at Discovery Museum

The PTA is sponsoring Family Fun Night for SSES and HKMS at the Discovery Museum on Park Avenue in Bridgeport -- Thursday evening January 13th from 5:30 – 8:30 pm (there is no school on the 14th). Enjoy a planterium show, Live Science demonstrations and hands-on exhibits. The cost will be \$20 per family before the event or \$25.00 at the door. You will be able to pre-order a pizza pie for dinner. Watch for a flier in your child's backpack!

Reflections Submissions Due by Jan. 5th

The Easton PTA will again host the Reflections program for all students in Easton, from pre-school to high school. Participation can be in six arts areas; Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Dance Choreography, Musical Composition and Film Production. You may enter a piece of work in more than one category, and you may have more than one entry in the same category. Art entries are critiqued against children in the same grade division. Recognition is from the local to the national level. Learn more by visiting www.PTAreflections.org.

To participate, entries will be received in the main office at SSES until January 5th at 3 p.m.. For a copy of the entry form and to find out the program rules, please visit our website at www.eastonpta.com. Please read the rules carefully. If you have any questions, please contact your Reflections Chair, Claire-Anne Meskers, at meskers@optonline.net or 203-374-5566.

Winter's Corner by Susan DiScipio

The excitement has been building at SSES for the last couple of weeks!



Finally, after much anticipation, all students will meet Winter the dolphin via Skype videoconference! Students will also meet Abby, Winter's trainer, and will be able to ask questions to Abby about Winter. SSES students have been very busy these last two weeks learning and preparing for the Skype videoconferences that will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. (In order to accommodate grades kindergarten through fifth, there will be two Skypes).

To prepare for the videoconferences, SSES teachers have been reading aloud *Winter's Tail*, (a Junior Library Guild 2009 selection) told by Juliana, Isabella, and Craig Hatkoff (of *Owen & Mzee* fame) to their students and engaging them in daily conversations pertaining to *Winter's Tail* and SSES' Character Attribute words.

Winter's Tail, a true story, delivers an important message of perseverance and universal acceptance and is the perfect complement to our curriculum-based Character Attribute words. Not only have the students been reading about Winter, but also they have been preparing questions to ask at their grade-level Skype Assembly. The students are so excited to meet Winter! Please ask your child/children about the Winter Skype Assembly. If you would like to learn more about Winter and her inspiring story, please go to www.seewinter.com or www.tampabay.com and type in "Winter's Tale" to search. Kindly yours until next time...

The Scoop Humbly Offers These Timely Gift Ideas....

"Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example..." -- Oren Arnold

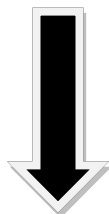
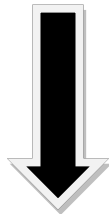
The Scoop Scoop

The Scoop is published every other Wednesday (for the most part) and distributed by SSES' email Listserv. **Next issue: Wednesday, Jan.5th, 2011.** Please submit any information – in MS Word format -- by the Saturday evening preceding publication.

To add or change your email information go to www.er9.org/sses/ and click on "Join Our Listserv". *Please be sure to inform the school office of any changes to your email address.*

Questions and submissions to Cathy Dunsby at ssesscoop@yahoo.com

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2nd Annual
EASTON WINTER CONCERT
“Festival Winds”



Friday, December 17th at 7 p.m.
Samuel Staples Elementary School
\$5 per person
(Ages 2 and under free if seated on an adult's lap)

The Easton Winter Concert is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and enjoy an evening of festive holiday music. **Grammy-nominated musician Jeff Scott is back again this year with the highly talented quintet, Festival Winds.**

Bring your good cheer and prepare to enjoy some fabulous music! The concert is appropriate for all ages and will include a **Holiday Sing-a-Long** (our SSES students will be practicing in music classes).

Due to limited space, ticket reservations will be required. (Payment accepted in order it is received). Pre-ordered tickets will be held at the door the night of the concert. Last year's concert was sold out days before the event. The Easton Winter Concert is a PTA-sponsored event open to ALL Easton residents.

*Delicious home baked goods for sale

* Raffle tickets for a locally grown fir tree

EASTON WINTER CONCERT

Name (s): _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail address: _____

of Tickets: _____ X \$5 = Total \$ _____

Cash/Checks made payable to **“Easton PTA”**

(Your support helps the PTA bring quality Art, Culture, Education & Science programs to our school)

Please submit completed form and payment to the SSES office. Mark envelope: PTA Winter Concert. (Or mail to: Samuel Staples Elementary School, 515 Morehouse Road, Easton, CT 06612)

Questions? Please contact: EastonACES@gmail.com

GIFT CARDS – “No, you haven’t missed it!” (yet)



Procrastinators’ Order Deadline is Friday

(No judgment, there are just some of us who thrive under pressure....)

**Gift Cards will be delivered to you the middle of next week
Proceeds benefit Easton Special Education PTA (SEPTA)**

The following is only *a small number of available retailers and just some of their denominations*. There are two ways to order:

1. Go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>. Provide your email address and SEPTA’s account number, which is E2L4B2AB22968. Place your order then pay through PrestoPay online or send a check to “Easton SEPTA” c/o the SSES office.
2. Use this form to place an order. If a retailer is not listed write out the retailer name and denomination and we will contact you.

We will contact you and deliver your cards when they arrive.

RETAIL	QTY	TOTAL	EATERIES/SUPERMARKETS	QTY	TOTAL	KIDS LOVE 'EM	QTY	TOTAL
Aeropostale \$25			Bruegger's Bagels \$10			Build-a-Bear \$25		
Banana Republic \$25			Cold Stone Creamery #10			Claire's \$10		
Bath & Body Works \$10			Dunkin' Donuts \$10			Disney \$25		
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25			On the Border \$25			EB Games \$25		
Best Buy \$25			Outback Steakhouse \$25			Game Stop \$25		
Champs Sports \$25			Panera Bread \$25			Icing \$10		
Dick's \$25			Sam's Club \$25			iTunes \$15		
Gap \$25			Stop & Shop \$25			Subway \$10		
J. Crew \$25			MOVIE THEATERS			Toys R Us \$20		
JCPenney \$25			Cineplex Odeon \$25			GENERAL		
Kmart \$25			Loews Cineplex \$25			Visa \$25/\$50		
Kohl's \$25			Multiplex Cinemas \$25			Hallmark \$25		
LL Bean \$25			Regal Entertainment \$25			Home Depot \$25		
Land's End \$25			BOOKSTORES			HomeGoods \$25		
Lord & Taylor \$25			Barnes & Noble \$10/\$25/\$100			Lowe's \$25		
Macy's \$25			Borders \$10/\$25			Mobil \$50		
Marshall's \$25			Waldenbooks \$10			OfficeMax \$25		
Old Navy \$25			EVERYONE LOVES 'EM			Shell \$25		
Sears \$25			Amazon.com \$25 /\$100			Staples \$25		
TJ Maxx \$25			Restaurant.com \$25			Walgreen's \$25		
Wal-Mart \$25			Starbuck's \$10			CVS \$25		

Please make checks payable to: “Easton SEPTA” and return this form to the SSES office.

Name _____ Email _____

Please deliver to: [] My home or [] My child’s backpack _____(teacher’s name)

Home Address _____

THE TOWN SCOOP

Easton Learning Foundation's S.T.A.R.S. (School Teachers are Really Special) Program

Need a teacher gift? Want to tell a special teacher or staff member how much you appreciate them? ELF is once again offering our STARS! Place your order and we will deliver a star for your child to decorate and deliver to their teacher. If you don't want to decorate a STAR, ELF can deliver a certificate directly to your honoree. Your tax deductible donation will honor a teacher and support Easton students and educators by funding teacher grants and cutting edge technology.



For more information or an order form, visit <http://www.eastonlearningfoundation.org/stars.html>
Orders will be accepted through Tuesday, December 21st. Contact jenniferluckart@sbcglobal.net for more information.

ECC Scoop

Please call the ECC at 203.459.9700 for information on the below:

- Holiday Vacation Camp: Mon., Dec. 27 – Thurs., Dec. 30th; 8 am – 6 pm
- Annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser; Sat., Jan. 29th

Register Now for Redding-Easton Softball 2011



Online registration for the 2011 Spring Season is now OPEN for girls ages 6 to 14. Visit www.redding-eastonsoftball.org for details, and enjoy an early registration discount for families signed up by January 14, 2011. And, if you register and pay by December 31, 2010, you will be entered to win a \$100 gift certificate to Sports Authority. New (and free!) clinics this year include: Weekly After-school Skill Building Clinics for each age division and a series of free coaching and parent session. Visit the website for fee information and FAQ. If you have any questions, please email reddingeastonsoftball@gmail.com or call the Redding Boys & Girls Club at 203.938.3166.